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SUMMARY: THE INTERNAL SCENE WAS MARKED BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE MONTH-LONG CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM AGRICULTURAL MODEL TACHAI AND EXTENSIVE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LONG MARCH. THE LONG MARCH CELEBRATIONS SEEMED A RATHER NOSTALGIC LOOK AT THE PAST WHILE THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN IS GEARED TO FUTURE PRODUCTION GOALS. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING HAS BEEN FRONT-PAGED BY THE PRC-OWNED HONG KONG PRESS, WITH ALMOST THE FULL FRONT PAGE DEVOTED TO THE VISIT ON MAY 22, THE DAY AFTER THE SECRETARY' MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN MAO. PRC MEDIA CONTINUED, ALMOST ROUTINELY, TO CONDEMN THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR POLICIES WORLDWIDE AND THE WIFE OF THE MALIAN PREESIDENT HAS RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION INCLUDING A MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN MAO DURING HER CHINA VISIT. END SUMMARY

1. INTERNAL SCENE:

REFLECTING THE MOOD OF CHINA IN THE ERA OF "UNITY AND STABILITY," PZPNG'S RECENTLY CONCLUDED CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM AGRICULTURE MODEL TACHAI PORTRAYS THE COMMITMENT OF THE PRC TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TARGETS AND SUGGESTS A PRAGMATIC FOCUS FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS. WITH AMBITIOUS GOALS, INCLUDING A REPORTED INCREASE TO 400 MILLION

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TONS OF GRAIN BY 1980 (ATTRIBUTED BY PRC-RUN TA KUNG PAO AS A YAO WEN-YUAN STATEMENT), PEKING APPEARS INTENT ON KEEPING ITS IDEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNINGS INTACT BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, NOT TO PERMIT THEM TO INTERFERE WITH PRODUCTION. AS A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE LEADERSHIP--PARTICULARLY THE MILITARY WHO OCCUPY A POSITION OF HEIGHTENED IMPORTANCE AND PROMINENCE IN THIS GROUP--THE RECENT LONG MARCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED WHO IS IN THE SADDLE AT THE CENTER. WITH THE COUNTRY

RECALLING THESE EARLY DAYS OF REVOLUTIONARY GLORY, IT IS THE OLDER GENERATION BOTH OF LEADERS AND LOWER LEVEL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE GOING AROUND TO IMPART THEIR EXPERIENCES ANY CARRYING FORWARD THE TASK OF DIRECTING THE COUNTRY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

CHAIRMAN MAO PUT IN A VIGOROUS WEEK, MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY (ITEM 5) AND WITH THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF MALI (ITEM 7) WHILE AIRLING PREMIER CHOU REMAINED OUT OF SIGHT. THE OCTOBER 15TH MEETING ON TACHAI (ITEM 3) PRODUCED A FULL TURN-OUT OF THE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP IN PEKING, WITH PARTY NUMBER THREE WANG HUNG-WEN, PRESUMABLY STILL IN THE SHANGHAI AREA, THE ONLY NOTABLE ABSENTEE. POLITBURO MEMBER YAO WEN-YUAN CONTINUED TO MEET REGULARLY WITH VISITING FOREIGN PRESS DELEGATIONS (FOUR IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS), FURTHER AFFIRMING SPECIFIC SUPERVISORY FUNCTIONS YAO EXERCISES OVER PRC MEDIA. FINALLY, THE VISIT OF MADAME MARIAM TRAORE, WIFE OF MALI'S PRESIDENT, GAVE THE WIVES OF TWO PROMINENT PRC OFFICIALS THEIR FIRST HIGH-LEVEL ESCORT DUTY IN YEARS. LIN CHIA-MEI (MRS. LI HSIEN-NIEN) IS ACCOMPANYING MADAME TRAORE ON HER TOUR OF THE PROVINCES, WHILE KANG KE-CHING (MRS. CHU TEH) DID THE ESCORT DUTIES AT A SOIREE IN PEKING. UNCLASSIFIED

3. TACHAI CONFERENCE CLOSES

THE MONTH-LONG CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM TACHAI CAME TO AN END OCTOBER 19. FOUR DAYS EARLIER AT A PLENARY SESSION ATTENDED BY 7000 DELEGATES, POLITBURO MEMBER HUA KUO-FENG GAVE A SUMMING-UP SPEECH IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED AS A GOAL THE TRANSFORMATION OF ONE-THIRD OF CHINA'S COUNTIES INTO TACHAI-TYPE COUNTIES BY 1980. HIS DEFINITION OF A TACHAI-TYPE COUNTY INCLUDED BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRITERIA. ECONOMICALLY HE FOCUSED ON FARM

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MECHANIZATION AND ITS FINANCING THROUGH LOCAL FUND ACCUMULATION BY COMMUNE AND BRIGADE ENTERPRISES. POLITICALLY, HE STRESSED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT REGULAR RECTIFICATION OF THEIR OWN LEADING BODIES AND TO SEND CADRES DOWN TO BACKWARD UNITS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT LOCAL LEADERSHIP. IMPRESSIVE ATTENDANCE FROM THE 29 PROVINCES, INCLUDING 16 PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES, INSURES FUTURE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THIS NEW PHASE OF THE TACHAI AGRICULTURAL EMULATION CAMPAIGN (HONG KONG 12496, HONG KONG 12533). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. THE LONG MARCH--UNPRECEDENTED ANNIVERSARY OBSERVATION

WITH THE TACHAI CAMPAIGN FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE, THE PRC LEADERSHIP DEVOTED OCTOBER 19 TO A NOSTALGIC LOOK AT ITS PAST AS IT CELEBRATED IN UNPRECEDENTED FASHION THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE CONCLUSION OF THE LONG MARCH, ONE OF THE GREATEST ATRATE-
GIC RETREATS IN MILITARY HISTORY. THERE HAD BEEN NO OBSER-
VATIONS FOR THE 25TH, 30TH OR 35TH ANNIVERSARIES, BUT THIS
YEAR PEOPLE'S DAILY DEVOTED ALMOST ITS ENTIRE ISSUE TO THE
LONG MARCH. THERE WAS A JOINT PEOPLE'S DAILY/LIBERATION ARMY
DAILY EDITORIAL, THE FIRST JOINT EDITORIAL SINCE NEW YEAR'S
DAY, WHICH AGAIN LINKED SPECIFIC OBSERVANCES WITH NATIONAL
THEMES OF STUDY, STABILITY AND UNITY, AND PROMOTING PRODUCTION.
THE PLA TOOK THE LEAD IN CELEBRATING THE EVENT WITH RALLIES,
PLAYS, AND EXPERIENCE EXCHANGES, THUS GIVING THE MILITARY A HIGHER
PROFILE AND A GREATER RE-ENTRY INTO CHINA'S BODY
POLITIC THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE FALL OF LIN PIAO (HK 12501).
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5. WITH CULTURAL REVOLUTION REHABILITEES CONTINUING TO BE RETURNED TO HIGH POSITIONS IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS (HK A-205), THE "FIRST GENERATION" OF LEADERS--MORE SECURE IN THEIR GRASP OF POWER THAN AT ANYTIME IN THE LAST TEN YEARS--USED THE LONG MARCH ANNIVERSARY AS AN OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO GIVE ITSELF A PAT ON THE BACK AND INVOKE HEROIC SACRIFICIAL VALUES AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE FUTURE. YET THE LACK OF ANY REFERENCE TO "REVOLUTIONARY SUCCESSORS" LEAVES ONE WITH THE UNMIS-TAKEABLE FEELING THAT CHINA IS SUFFERING FROM A GENERATION GAP. HOWEVER, IT IS AN UNDENIABLE CROSS-CULTURAL TRUTH THAT THE POOREST WAY TO MOTIVATE THE YOUNG IS TO INUNDATE THEM WITH THE SACRIFICES AND SUCCESSES OF THE OLDER GENERATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

6. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS HAS FOLLOWED NCNA'S LEAD IN REPORTING FACTUALLY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL, HIS TALKS WITH VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND FONMIN CHAIO KUAN-HUA, AND THE BANQUET TOASTS. ONLY ON OCTOBER 2, AFTER THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MAO, HOWEVER, DID THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT VISIT TAKE UP MOST OF THE FRONT PAGES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO THE NCNA REPORTS,SUPPLEMENTED THEIR NEWS WITH OTHER AGENCY REPORTING. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIST PRESS HERE HAS REFRAINED FROM ANY COMMENTARY ON THE VISIT. SPECULATION IN HONG KONG ALSO HAS CENTERED AROUND THE MEETING WITH MAO AS AN INDICATION THAT THE VISIT IS GOING WELL AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ARE ON TRACK. (NCNA, OCTOBER 19-22) CONFIDENTIAL

7. SOVIETS

THE CONTINUING STREAM OF ANTI-SOVIET ARTICLES IN THE PRC MEDIA THIS WEEK INCLUDED ATTACKS ON SOVIET POLICIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME, THE JAPANESE
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NORTHERN TERRITORIES, UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING, FOREIGN AID AND TRADE, AND YET ANOTHER PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE CONDEMNING GROMYKO'S UNGA SPEECH. THE ARTICLE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, WRITTEN BY TWO PLA NAVY MEN AND CARRIED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY OF OCTOBER 17 ONCE AGAIN (HK 8788) PROVIDES A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR US ACTIONS ON DIEGO GARCIA STATING FLATLY THAT THE "US ACTED TO COUNTER THE PRESSING OFFENSIVE OF THE SOVIET NAVY". (NCNA, OCTOBER 17-22) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. MALI

ON OCTOBER 16, MADAME MIRIAM TRAORE, WIFE OF THE MALIAN PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE MALIAN NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN, BEGAN A "FRIENDLY VISIT" TO CHINA. MADAME TRAORE HAD ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND ON A STATE VISIT TO PEKING IN JUNE 1973 BUT THIS TIME SHE IS LEADING A MALIAN WOMEN'S DELEGATION. SHE HAD WHAT NCNA CHARACTERIZED AS "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS" WITH BOTH HER OFFICIAL HOST, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN (OCTOBER 17) AND WITH CHAIRMAN MAO (OCTOBER 19), THE LATTER MEETING BEING AN HONOR USUALLY RESERVED FOR FAVORED DIGNITARIES AND CHIEFS OF STATE. NCNA'S REPORT OF SPEECHES AT THE OCTOBER 17 WELCOMING BANQUET HOSTED BY LI (WHO ALSO MET THE DELEGATION AT THE AIRPORT) INDICATED THAT HE PRAISED MALI'S POLICIES OF NON-ALIGNMENT, OPPOSITION TO "IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, ZIONISM, WHITE RACISM AND BIG-POWER HEGEMONISM". HE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AS WELL AS THIRD WORLD GOALS. MISSING, HOWEVER, WAS THE USUAL POINTED PRC CONDEMNATION OF THE SUPERPOWERS, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION, THAT HAS BECOME A STANDARD FEATURE OF PRC SPEECHES. IN RESPONSE, MADAME TRAORE REFERRED TO THE MALIAN WOMEN'S ROLE IN STRUGGLES AGAINST VARIOUS EVILS, INCLUDING "HEGEMONISM", THE PRC KEYWORD FOR THE SUPER-POWERS.

9. THIS VISIT, THE FIRST WOMEN'S DELEGATION TO PEKING IN SOME TIME, HAS SERVED ALSO TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN CHINA. KANG KE-CHING, THE WIFE OF NPC VICE CHAIRMAN CHU TEH, ACCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION IN PEKING WHILE LIN CHIA-MEI, WIFE OF LI HSIEN-NIEN WENT WITH THEM TO NANKING AND KWANGCHOW. IN THEIR VARIOUS MEETINGS, RANKING FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WERE ALSO HIGHLY CONSPICUOUS. INTERESTINGLY, HOWEVER, CHIANG CHING, WIFE OF CHAIRMAN MAO, WAS NOT LISTED AS ATTENDING ANY
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